

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-6 as set forth in the complete list of claims that is present below.

1. (currently amended) A booking and issuing method of an intranet ticket booking and issuing system including a ~~local computer~~ net server and an issuing terminal interconnected to said net server via a local area network, said issuing terminal being interconnected to external reservation systems which accept ticket booking requests via at least one communication ~~line to issue the tickets booked in said external reservation systems,~~ line, and a personal computer being interconnected to said ~~local computer~~ net server via a said local area network and having an Internet connection function, comprising:

a booking step for making a booking from said personal computer to one of said external reservation systems, said booking step including:

addressing a user's ticket booking commencement request to said ~~local computer~~ net server from said personal computer;

sending URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) relating to home page addresses of said external reservation systems ~~and address information of said external reservation systems~~ from said ~~local computer~~ net server to said personal computer via said local area network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request;

storing, in said personal computer, the URLs home page addresses sent from said ~~local computer~~ net server into a memory and displaying information corresponding to the URLs home page addresses relating to said external reservation systems on a screen for selection by the user;

receiving, in said personal computer, a selection of one of said external reservation systems by the user and reading out the URL home page address of the selected external reservation system from said memory;

connecting said personal computer to a website of the selected external reservation system via the Internet and displaying a reservation screen of a web site of the selected external reservation system;

completing a booking through the website, between said personal computer and the selected external reservation system, by transmitting and receiving information data including a booking number without the aid of said ~~local computer~~ net server via the Internet; and

generating, in said personal computer, booking data of a predetermined format by compiling predetermined data included in the information data and sending ~~a notification of completion of the booking and~~ the booking data of the predetermined format to said ~~local computer~~ net server via said local network, the booking data of the predetermined format including the booking number;
and

an issuance step ~~fee for~~ issuing a booked ticket by said ~~local computer~~ issuing terminal, said issuance step including:

receiving, in said ~~local computer~~ net server, the ~~notification of completion of the booking and the~~ booking data of the predetermined format;

storing a received booking data in said net server, and sending said booking number included in the received booking data to said issuing terminal from said net server;

transmitting ~~data including~~ said booking number ~~in the received booking data of the predetermined format~~ from said ~~local computer~~ issuing terminal to the selected external reservation system via said at least one communication line, and

~~issuing, by said local computer,~~ receiving, in said issuing terminal, ticket issuing data from the selected external reservation system to issue the ticket booked in the selected external reservation system.

2. (currently amended) A ticket booking and issuing system including a plurality of external reservation systems for accepting ticket booking requests via at least one communication line, a ~~local computer~~ net server and an issuing terminal interconnected to said net server via a local area network, said issuing terminal being interconnected to said external reservation systems via said at least one communication line ~~to issue the tickets~~

~~booked in said external reservation systems~~, and a personal computer interconnected to said ~~local computer net server~~ via a said local area network and having an Internet connection function, comprising:

addressing means for addressing a user's ticket booking commencement request to said ~~local computer net server~~ from said personal computer;

sending means for sending ~~URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) relating to home page addresses of said reservation systems and address information of said external reservation systems~~ from said ~~local computer net server~~ to said personal computer via said local network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request;

storing means for storing, in said personal computer, the ~~URLs~~ home page addresses sent from said ~~local computer net server~~;

display means for displaying information corresponding to the ~~URLs~~ home page addresses on a screen for selection by the user;

receiving means for receiving, in said personal computer, a selection of one of the external reservation systems by the user and for reading out of said from said storage means the ~~URL~~ home page address of the selected external reservation system;

transmitting and receiving means for connecting said personal computer to a website of the selected external reservation system and displaying a reservation screen thereof on said display means, and for transmitting and receiving information data including a booking number without the aid of said ~~local computer net server~~ via the Internet between said personal computer and the selected external reservation system;

generating means for generating, in said personal computer, booking data of a predetermined format by compiling predetermined data within the information data transmitted and received in said transmitting and receiving means into a predetermined form and sending ~~a notification of completion of the booking and the booking data of the predetermined format~~ to said ~~local computer net server~~ via said local area network, the booking data of the predetermined format including the booking number;

means, provided in said net server, for storing a received booking data and for sending said booking number included in the received booking data to said issuing terminal;

means for transmitting, upon receiving ~~the booking data of a predetermined format,~~
~~data including~~ said booking number included in the booking data from said ~~local computer net~~
~~server~~ to the selected external reservation system via said at least one communication line,
line; and

means, provided in said issuing terminal, for receiving ticket issuing data from the
selected external reservation and for issuing the ticket booked in said the selected external
~~reservation system, said means for transmitting and for issuing being provided in said local~~
~~computer. system.~~

3. (currently amended) A booking and issuing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

converting, in said ~~local computer, net server~~, the booking data received from said personal computer into data of a predetermined hypertext language to generate data for fare adjustment; and

storing the data for fare adjustment in said ~~local computer, net server~~.

4. (currently amended) A booking and issuing system according to claim 2, further comprising:

a converter provided in said ~~local computer net server~~ for converting the booking data received from said personal computer into data of a predetermined hypertext language to generate data for fare adjustment; and

a memory provided in said ~~local computer net server~~ for storing the data for fare adjustment.

5. (currently amended) A booking and issuing method according to claim 1, further comprising:

a step of receiving instructions for the predetermined data format,

wherein the generating step generates, in response to the instructions, booking data of a common data-format using data displayed on the reservation screen of the selected external

reservation system and sends the booking data of the common data-format to said ~~local~~
~~computer~~ net server via said local area network, the common data-format being a data-format
common to computers connected to said local area network.

6. (currently amended) A booking and issuing system according to claim 2, further
comprising:

a step of receiving instructions for the predetermined data format,
wherein the generating means generates, in response to the instructions, booking data of a
common data-format using data displayed on the reservation screen of the selected external
reservation system and sends the booking data of the common data-format to said ~~local~~
~~computer~~ net server via said local area network, the common data-format being a data-format
common to computers connected to said local area network.